Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, June 17, 1884.

The City Council met in the council chamber. Present—Mayor Hyman (in the chair) Alds. Becher, Niven, Hewitt, Cowan, Beattie, Hunt, Labatt, Birrell, Stringer, Scarrow.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From Major Coombs, Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian detachment of the Salvation Army, relative to the differences between the Army and the council, saying he would be happy to do anything he could in order that they might work amicably together short of ceasing to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. From what he could understand the real difficulty was that the drumming is calculated to frighten horses, and he was prepared to have special sergeants appointed whose sole duty shall be to watch the approach of horses and as sure as the leaat sign of restivenes is shown, to have the drums stopped and the flag lowered, in fact to do everything to ensure safety. In case of sickness if the Army were notified they would gladly cease singing and beating the drums, and he also referred to the passing of churches. He also stated that the service around the jail was at the request of the prisoners and not in any spirit of defiance. He was assured if the council would rescind the by-law and allow them to go on serving God in their own way they would be thankful and the majority of the citizens be satisfied. On motion of Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Becher, it was fyled.

From D. G. Mackenzie, county clerk enclosing resolution of the board of road directors adopted by the Middlesex County Council that they are prepared to carry out the arrangements agreed to by the joint committee when tenders were asked for repairing the Oxford street bridge, and to lengthen the span of said bridge, if in the opinion of one competent engineer outside of the city and county a longer span is required. No. 2.

FREE PRESS Printing Co.—An account of $43.52. No. 1.

From W. Pearson—Appealing against income tax of $1.80 for 1883, on the ground that his income was not over $300, and he received no assessment notice. No. 1.

R. J. Young & Co.—For remission of fine for violation of sign by-law. No. 1.

From Beck & Co.—Stating that the cigar box factory in operation here has ceased to do business in London, and asking exemption from taxes and free water for five years on condition of removing their factory from Galt to London and employing twenty hands. No. 1.

City Solicitor—expressing the opinion that the Council has no power to pass a by-law permitting the faculty of the Western University to place a duly recommended student in the City Hospital for six months in each year, as they cannot bind their successors, and cannot give any such privilege for a longer period than the year for which they are elected.

M. J. Tiernan—Recommending Lawrence Moore as caretaker of Queen's Park.

Charles Doe—For permission to build a frame building on Albert street, subject to approval of City Engineer. Granted.

Ernest Fitzgerald—For permission to erect a frame dwelling. Granted.

Daniel McNeil—Application for appointment as caretaker of Queen's Park.

From the Free Library board an account of $62.25. No. 1.

From A. B. Powell and other ratepayers petitioning for the laying as a local improvement by special assessment under the act of a stoneflag sidewalk on the north side of Dundas street from Richmond to Talbot streets. No. 2 to see if the necessary signatures are attached.

From T. Hiscox and others for the laying of a stoneflag sidewalk on the north side of Dundas street between Richmond and Park Avenue. No. 2, to see if the necessary signatures are attached.

From James Duffield, for permission to move a frame building to the rear of his lot on Dufferin Avenue. Granted.

From Dr. McGuigan and others, asking that a grant of $500 be made to the 7th Fusiliers' band.

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